York Institute for Health Research
YIHR’s research sub-areas:

- Diversity and Health
- Health Equity & Social Justice
- Health and the Environment
- Health Law & Ethics
- Healthcare
- Health Governance

The following slides list YIHR initiatives, our multi-year, multi grant projects that fit into our research areas.
Disability Rights Promotion International

Directed by Bengt Lindqvist and Marcia Rioux

Since 2002, DRPI has worked as a collaborative project that seeks to establish a comprehensive, sustainable international system to monitor human rights of people with disabilities. DRPI has established regional office across 5 continents.

Monitoring is an empowering activity because it:
• provides a voice to marginalized people
• enhances public awareness by documenting abuses and violations
• reinforces a collective identity among persons with disabilities
• supports efforts to achieve social justice.

http://drpi.research.yorku.ca/

Disability-Rights-Promotion-International-DRPI

@DRPI_global
Taking Action

Directed by Sarah Flicker

The Taking Action! Project: Art and Aboriginal Youth Leadership for HIV Prevention is a national project working with Aboriginal youth and communities across Canada. Led by Indigenous youth, we seek to understand HIV in relation to Indigenous communities and cultures and also to see how using art (Taking Action Part 1) and digital storytelling (Taking Action Part 2) is an effective tool for working with youth to talk about HIV/AIDS and to mobilize action.

http://www.takingaction4youth.org/about/

TakingAction4Youth
The National Network on Environments and Women’s Health (NNEWH) is focused on creating strategies for effective change through an understanding of relevant policy issues related to the health of all women in Canada.

Since 1996, NNEWH has been committed to improving the health status of Canadian women by focusing on the ways in which environments impact the health status, beliefs and practices of women. Drawing upon a range of expertise through academic research associates, community partners, service providers and women’s groups, we encourage the use of a gender and diversity framework in the analysis of health research, policy development and education.
Re-Imagining Long Term Residential Care
Directed by Pat Armstrong

Residential care facilities are the home for some of our most vulnerable citizens and the workplace for many women of diverse backgrounds and skills. Our research is organized around four central themes: Approaches to Care, Work Organization, Accountability, and Financing and Ownership.

The ReLTC international interdisciplinary team is led by Dr. Pat Armstrong at York University, and includes academics from 5 Canadian provinces, 3 American states, the U.K., Sweden, Germany and Norway. It includes people trained in sociology, medicine, social work, history, media studies, philosophy, architecture, health policy and more. Graduate students, who will be the next generation of long-term care researchers, are full team members.

http://reltc.apps01.yorku.ca/

@ReLTRC
Directed by Jianhong Wu

The Centre for Disease Modelling (CDM) builds on a successful research team working with Canadian institutions and international organizations to build capacity for interdisciplinary research on disease modeling using cutting-edge mathematical and statistical techniques. The centre provides an enriched environment for trainees to develop professional skills, to apply a wide range of analytical tools to address important public health issues, and to appreciate the value of interdisciplinary collaboration.

http://www.cdm.yorku.ca/
Program Evaluation Unit

Directed by Michaela Hynie

The YIHR Program Evaluation Unit connects community organizations with research expertise to ensure valid and reliable program evaluation. The goal of the Unit is to build capacity for program evaluation both within the university and within the local community in the area of health, diversity and social inclusion. Our activities include: consultation, training and workshops and completing contracted evaluations.

http://yihr.abel.yorku.ca/peu/

We have worked with:
- Canadian Mental Health Association, Ontario
- Delta Family Resources
- Newhaven Learning Centre
- Office of the Fairness Commissioner, Ontario
- School for Social Entrepreneurs -- Ontario
- Toronto Public Library
- YMCA Ontario
- York Region Alliance to End Homelessness
- York Region Community Safety Services
Directed by Jan Hatanaka

The Grief Reconciliation Project facilitates the transfer of knowledge between research and community on the topic of grief. Despite progress in the areas of palliative care and bereavement, knowledge on grief has not been fully integrated into the health promotion agenda. The project addresses grief in three ways: educate the public on the need to discuss grief openly, create a pathway to transfer existing knowledge within professional and client groups directly to those who may benefit, and collaborate with academic and clinical partners to illustrate the complex process of the physical, mental and spiritual components of grief.

http://griefreconciliation.com/
Living with Climate Change: Mapping Experience and Adaptation in the Global South and North

Principal Investigator: Michaela Hynie

Living with Climate Change (LCC) is an international research partnership. This partnership explores the influence of different social, environmental, cultural and policy contexts on adaptation to climate change.

York U Partners include:
- York Institute for Health Research
- Institute for Research and Innovation in Sustainability
- Faculty of Health
- Faculty of Environmental Studies

International Partners include
- York University, Canada
- University of Waterloo, Canada
- University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada
- S. M. Sehgal Foundation also known as Institute of Rural Research and Development (IRRAD), India
- Women and Environment—Nepal (Nepal).
- As well as associations and communities in Pakistan, Bangladesh, India, Nepal and Canada.
A Community-Based Intervention for Maternal Mental Health in Rwanda

Principal Investigator: Michaela Hynie

This is a two year project between Canadian and Rwandese universities to test a community-based intervention. The aim of the intervention is to improve the mental health of women and children in Rwanda by:

a) emphasizing prevention through emotional and informational support
b) building community capacity to provide emotional and informational support
c) strengthening mental health training for nursing and midwifery students, and
d) enhancing screening to identify mothers needing specialized care